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In the Specification:

At the top of page 1, a new section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" has been added.

In the Claims:

12. (Twice Amended) A method of updating outdated information stored in memory of a first [peer] computer with updated information stored in memory of a second [peer] computer, wherein the first [peer] computer and the second [peer] computer are interconnected via a common communications [link] channel, the method comprising:

(a) comparing a module of outdated information stored in memory of the first [peer] computer to a module of updated information stored in memory of the second [peer] computer, wherein the module of outdated information includes a plurality of module blocks at least one of which contains outdated information, and wherein the module of updated information includes a plurality of module blocks at least one of which contains updated information and corresponds to the at least one module block of outdated information;

(b) downloading via the common communications [link] channel the at least one module block of updated information from the [first peer] second computer to the [second peer] first computer; and

(c) replacing the at least one module block containing outdated information with the at least one module block containing updated information which was downloaded via the common communications [link] channel.

13. (Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein comparing the module of outdated information stored in memory of the first [peer] computer to the module of [more recent] updated information stored in memory of the second [peer] computer comprises comparing each

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